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RE: Patent Application No. 09/766,435

Attached, please find a response for the above-mentioned patent application.

Regards,

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- (1) Amendment and response to Office Action Mailed 3/4/04
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111**

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed March 4, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the Amendment, reconsider the pending claims in view of the Amendment and accompanying Response, and pass the claims to allowance.

**CLAIM LISTING** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**RESPONSE** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**CONCLUSION** begins on page 6 of this paper.

wherein said prepaints are mixed according to a second prepaint ratio;  
collecting said second base paint at an output of said mixing system;  
wherein said first prepaint ratio and said second prepaint ratio are determined at a computer system; and  
wherein said first prepaint ratio is different from said second prepaint ratio.

32. (new) The method of claim 31 wherein at least one of said first base paint and said second base paint further comprises an associative thickener.

33. (new) A method for manufacturing a line of paint products from a limited set of prepaints comprising:

providing a set of different but mutually compatible prepaints, sufficient to form at least one paint line, which set comprises:

- (1) at least one fluid white-opacifying pigment prepaint,
- (2) at least one fluid extender pigment prepaint that has a PVC of from about 40 to 100% and volume solids of from about 35 to about 65%,
- (3) at least one fluid polymeric binder prepaint, and

(4) at least one additional, different fluid prepaint selected from the group consisting of said fluid white-opacifying pigment prepaint, said fluid extender pigment prepaint, and said fluid polymeric binder prepaint;

receiving each of said fluid prepaints at one of several inputs of a fluid component mixing system;

mixing said fluid prepaints in said mixing system to prepare a first base paint,

wherein said prepaints are mixed according to a first prepaint ratio;  
collecting said first base paint at an output of said mixing system;  
mixing said fluid prepaints in said mixing system to prepare a second base paint;

wherein said prepaints are mixed according to a second prepaint ratio;  
collecting said second base paint at an output of said mixing system;  
wherein said first prepaint ratio and said second prepaint ratio are determined at a computer system; and  
wherein said first prepaint ratio is different from said second prepaint ratio.

34. (new) The method of claim 33 wherein at least one of said first base paint and said second base paint further comprises an associative thickener.